

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8-17, and 19-25 are pending in the present application, Claim 1 having been amended. The claims set forth above include markings to show the changes made by way of the present amendment, deletions being in strikeout or [[double brackets]] and additions being underlined.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 7, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments.

Response to Objection to Drawings

In the January 7, 2009 Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). Specifically, the Examiner indicates that the “screw” as claimed in Claims 1 and 22 is not shown in the drawings. However, this element is shown in Figure 10, which was added by amendment in a communication filed by Applicants on December 5, 2007. Figure 10 shows a grub screw 12. In the same December 5, 2007 Amendment, Applicant amended the specification to include reference to Figure 10, and to specifically label the grub screw previously described in the specification as grub screw 12. The grub screw 12 shown in Figure 10 satisfies the requirements under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Response to Rejection of Claims 1, 5, 8-17, 19-21, and 25 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 5, 8-17, 19-21, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner indicated that the expression “engageable” in line 9 of Claim 1 does not positively connect the structural elements recited in Claim 1. The Examiner has suggested replacing the expression “engageable” with “removably engaged.”

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the outstanding rejection. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to replace the expression “engageable” with “removably engaged.” Accordingly Claim 1 is now believed to be fully in condition for allowance. Further, Claims 5, 8-17, 19-21, and 25 are also in condition for allowance, not only because they depend from Claim 1, but also on their own merit.

Claims 22-24

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 22-24 are allowable over the prior art of record.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Final Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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